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Every Tues.—A **Black Note** jam affair.
Every Wed.—Steamin' salsa stuff from **Johnny Polanco** and his five-piece combo, vocalist **Nengue Hernandez** and *congueros* (conga bashers to you non-bilinguals) **The Gonzalez Bros.**

•**THE CINEGRILL**, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, 7000 Hollywood Blvd., Hlywd. Like the Roosevelt itself, the Cinegrill has been revamped in the spirit of its Hollywood golden years. A club that once saw Hemingway and Dali in the audience continues to draw a sizable share of celebs and personalities. The balance of current and veteran performers is a contemporary evocation of the time when *everybody* hung out in nightclubs. Full bar, cover varies. (213) 466-7000.
Fri.-Sat.—Tanya Hart.
Tues.-Thurs.—**Rick Miramontez**.

•**CLUB GIUSEPPE**, 18515 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge. A long-standing paragon of Italian fare, Giuseppe has expanded to include a full bar and jazzy, cabaret-style performances. Appetizers, pizzas, freshly made pastas and homemade desserts available. (818) 349-9090.
Fri.—**Actual Size**, 8:30 p.m.
Sat.—**L.A. Party Dolls**, 9 p.m.
Sun.—**Yve Evans**, 7:30 p.m.
Mon.—Cabaret night, 7:30 p.m.
Tues.—**Ron King & Tom Adams**, 7:30 p.m.
Wed.—**Chris Curtis**, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs.—Broadway night, 7:30 p.m.

•**DERBY CLUB**, 4500 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Feliz. The Derby takes the former Michael's and gives it a face lift that Liz Taylor would envy, exposing a lovely, breathtaking 30-foot hand-stencilled dome. There's an enormous oval middle-of-the-room bar, plush, curtained booths and other visual delights, sharing the space with Louise's Trattoria. Once the place for cheesy-organ players and elderly swingers, the Derby now courts a younger set of groovies by mainly booking the music of the '30s and '40s. Music starts at 9 p.m. (213) 667-0777.
Every Fri.—**The Dixie Kings**; $8.
Every Sat.—He was Chuck Connor's son on *The Rifleman*, now he fills the swingin' tunes of 1928 full of lead: **Johnny Crawford Orchestra**; $10.
Every Sun.—The Derby gets Big Chilled when they host Motown dance night with DJ **Chris Monte**; $8.
Every Wed.—**Le Jazz Hot**; $8.
Every Thurs.—**Eminent Disaster Blues Band**, featuring the "brilliant" musical stylings of Johnny Angel; $8.

•**DRESDEN ROOM**, 1760 N. Vermont Ave., Hlywd. Home of the famous Blood and Sand cocktail. It's dark, smoky, loud and packed with lounge lizards every night. The plush, red booths and bent piano-bar croonings make this a fine place for a tryst or a sorrow-drowning session. Open daily for lunch and dinner, with appetizers in the bar. No cover. (213) 665-4294.
Every Tues.-Sat.—Perennial lounge act **Marty & Elayne** somehow manage to play everything from Steve Allen to Rod McKuen, with talent night every Tues.

•**THE GARDENIA CLUB**, 7066 Santa Monica Blvd. Tom Rolla's true-blue, East Coast cabaret room stars cabaret acts, comedians and singers, all in an elegantly intimate setting. Menu features international food with an Italian bias. Dinner from 7 p.m., showtime 9 p.m. Two-drink min., cover varies. (213) 467-7444.
Fri.—A guy who sings everything from Eubie Blake to John Lennon, **Mark Miller**, 9 p.m.
Sat.—Here's a guy with impressive credentials: he won *Star Search*, opened for Melba Moore and sang the "main song" of *Police Academy 2*, **Tony Warren**, 9 p.m.
Mon.—Equity Fights AIDS presents **Betty Pattengale**.
Tues.—Not to be confused with the *fabulous* chantuse/queen bitch Sean de Lear, it's comedian/singer **Shanda Lear**.
Wed.—He's an award-inning bronco rider, so obviously he'll do anything for a buck: **C. Jay Cox**, 9 p.m.
Thurs.—She carries a big torch — the ever-popular **Andrea Marcovicci**, 9 p.m.

•**KAFE KAFKA**, 6069 W. Sunset Blvd., Hlywd. True to the spirit of the cabarets of Paris and Berlin in the '20s, Kafka features singers and musicians while you snack and sip from their varied menu (from citrus chicken to exotic salads). Open for lunch and dinner. Entertainment Wed.-Sat., 8-10:30 p.m. (213) 464-3938.
Fri.—Sax groovy **Ken Warfield & Friends**.
Sat.—**Alan Tucker & Suzie O'Connell** whip out jazz, blues and Brazilian tunes.
Wed.—Operatic feats from **Julius L'Acatore, Rebecca Rostow**.
Thurs.—R&B strummer **Peter L'Angelle**, singer **Daril Chryst**.

•**KIBITZ ROOM**, 419 N. Fairfax Ave. (In Canter's Deli). As the fressers fress and the groovers gnaw on pastrami and knishes, a seriously twisted lounge scene takes place every night in Canter's backroom bar. Music starts around 9 p.m. No cover. (213) 651-2030.
Fri.—Blues: **Joe Simon**.
Sat.—**Chris & Andy Slater**.
Sun.—A honkin', slammin' (sometimes unlistenable, but always worth a peek) jam session.
Mon.—**Frankie Adams**.
Tues.—Rock & roll jam.
Wed.—A wild lounge/jazz affair with **Tina Stevens** and her band. Recommended.
Thurs.—**Spareribs**. (Kosher ribs, I hope)

•**LA STRADA**, 3000 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Feliz. Strictly class. Decorated like a romantic Italian side street, bathed in cool, blue hues, they dish up an Italian/Middle Eastern blend of food and present international-style performances. Dressy attire suggested. Entertainment from 9 p.m. Dinner from 5 p.m. Cover varies. (213) 664-2955.
Every Fri.-Sun. & Thurs.—A gaggle of international acts, including Gypsy violin from **Sergy**, Armenian pizazz from "little" **Harout Agopian**, bouzouki master **Alias, Alexandra** and the **La Strada Orchestra**. Recommended.
Every Mon.—Greek music.
Every Wed.—A dark-eyed affair with the coolest international disco platters in town: Armenian singles night.

•**MALDONADO'S**, 1202 E. Green St., Pasadena. This is an old-world supper club with rich Continental food to match the velvet-and-chandelier decor. Entertainment nightly (except Mon.), professional singers perform selections from Broadway and opera, often amid the audience. Dressy attire. For show alone, cover $10. Full bar. (818) 796-1126 or (213) 681-9462.
Fri.-Sun.—Whole lotta Cole: **Unforgettable . . . The Nat King Cole Songbook**; thru May 30.

•**MOSCOW NIGHTS**, 11345 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Authentic Russian food and lively Russian entertainment make this restaurant an out-of-the-ordinary experience. The menu features delicacies such as Siberian-style duckling, black or red caviar, chicken Kiev and Ukrainian cabbage borscht. Full bar with a large selection of exotic vodkas, more than 100 in all. $20 min. (818) 980-8854.
Every Fri.-Sun.—The house band performs Russian Gypsy songs; Fri.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.-1:45 a.m.; Sun., 7:30 p.m.-mid.

Other cabarets around town:

Johnny Contardo, from Sha Na Na, at Normandie Casino, 1045 W. Rosecrans Ave., Gardena; Sat., May 15, 9 p.m.; $12. (310) 352-3428.

Big "neo-vaudeville" revue (featuring everything from drag queens to singers to gorillas) at **Big Bad Bubba's Bourbon Street Bar**, 11705 National Blvd., Culver City; every Fri., 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., every Sat., 8 & 10 p.m. (310) 479-4187.

The music of 1928 from **Johnny Crawford** at Tripp's, 10131 Constellation Blvd., Century City; every Wed., 8:30 p.m., (310) 533-6000. And at Ava's, 8522 Beverly Blvd., Beverly Hills; every Thurs., (310) 652-5357. Also at the Derby every Sat. (See listing above.)

Jokes and opera, a deadly combination, successfully handled by **B.J. Ward**. Pasadena Playhouse Upstairs, 39 S. El Molino Ave., Pasadena; runs Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 5:30 p.m.; thru May 16; $20. (818) 356-PLAY or (213) 480-3232.

They work it, Miss Thing, and they make it *stink*! Las Vegas–style drag show at the **Queen Mary Show Lounge**, 12449 Ventura Blvd., Studio City; every Wed.-Thurs. & Sun., 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 9 & 11:30 p.m.; $5 cover, two-drink min. (818) 506-5619.

The Masquers Café is a new joint that features cabaret, music, comedy, food and probably a whole lot more. 8334 W. Third St. (213) 653-4848.

Nick Edenetti imitates the boss with the spaghetti sauce in his swingin' Sinatra tribute. That's (his) life. At Grappa, 8782 Sunset Blvd., W. Hlywd.; every Tues.-Sat., 9 p.m.; Sun., 8 p.m. (310) 659-6464.

Another open-mike (and ambient sculpture!?!) thing, hosted by **Dr. Mongo & Shirley Ward**, every Wed., at Little Tokyo Pizza, 114 Japanese Village Plaza, dwntwn.; 7-10 p.m.; by donation. (213) 617-7478.

Cabaret extravaganza **All That Glitz** at the Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd.; every Fri.-Sat. (310) 278-7712.

They say that they are "one of the Valley's best kept secrets," but the jig is up: tons o' Broadway and opera tunes are belted out at **Vitello's**, 4349 Tujunga Ave., Studio City; every Sun.-Mon., Wed. & Fri.; the "fun" starts at 6:30 p.m.; no cover. (818) 769-0905.

—Joc Zinder

COFFEEHOUSES

•**ANASTASIA'S ASYLUM**, 1028 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Coffee, snacks, films, open mikes and mainly acoustic music all through the week. In other words, another fine coffeehouse to hang out in. (310) 394-7113.
Fri.—**Valentines**, 8:30 p.m.; **Bijou**, 9:30 p.m.; **Dee & Gabe**, 10:30 p.m.
Sat.—**Deco Mustang**, 8:30 p.m.; **Rebekah Mirsky**, 9:30 p.m.; **Jon's House**, 10:30 p.m.
Sun.—**Chris Laterzo**, 8 p.m.; **Michale James**, 9 p.m.; **John Vester**, 10 p.m.
Mon.—**Jim Sabo**, 9 p.m.; **Beaufort Hamil**, 10 p.m.
Tues.—**D.B. Lewis**, 8 p.m.; **Jim Soloway**, 9 p.m.; **Among the Living**, 10 p.m.
Wed.—**Eric Mayron**, 8 p.m.; **Rick Delano**, 9 p.m.; **Corn**, 10 p.m.
Thurs.—**Debra Talas**, 8 p.m.; **Tom Viscount**, 9 p.m.; **Nathalie Archangel**, 10 p.m.

•**COBALT CAFE**, 21622 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills. For the price of a cup of jake and a cruller, you can see a whole slew of entertainment practically every night. Minimal cover, maximum caffeine charge. (818) 348-3789.
Fri.—**String Bean**, 9 p.m.; **June Melby**, 10 p.m.; **Honest John**, 11 p.m.; $3.
Sat.—**Chopping Block**, 9 p.m.; $3.
Sun.—Jazz on the cheap (no cover) from **Mike Dubin**, 9 p.m.
Mon. & Wed.—Open mike.
Tues.—Open readings.
Thurs.—**Randy J.**, 9 p.m.; no cover.

•**COFFEE JUNCTION**, 19221 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana. Strong, dark coffee and mostly light rock/folk-type entertainment on the weekends. (818) 342-3405.
Fri.-Sat.—Call for info.
Every Sun.—Open mike, 3-5 p.m.

•**COMMON GROUNDS**, 9250 Reseda Blvd., Northridge. This here joint boasts that they have comfy chairs, couches, laid-back atmosphere due to their bookings of mainly acoustic acts, a full menu and no cover. (818) 882-3666.
Fri.—**Bush of Ghosts**, 9 p.m.; **Sankana**, 11 p.m.
Sat.—**Amethyst**, 9 p.m.; **Majority Dog**, 11 p.m.
Sun.—**Robert Rowe**, 6 p.m.; **Donni Thayer**, 8 p.m.
Mon.—**Paul Nelson**, 9 p.m.
Tues.—**Crosby Tyler**, 9 p.m.
Every Wed.—**Scott Edwards**'s open-mike affair. Sign up at 8 p.m. and be ready to *wail* at 8:30 p.m.
Thurs.—**Linda Lozano**, 9 p.m.

•**DISCAFE BOHEM**, 4430 Fountain Ave. Housed in a quasi office mall/parking lot this place features live bands, dance parties, and whatever else they feel like. (213) 662-1597.
Fri.-Thurs.—Call for info.

•**THE ECLECTIC CAFE**, 5156 Lankershim Blvd., N. Hlywd. All sorts of entertainment, a big menu, pool tables, an art gallery and, of course, endless mugs of joe add up to a wildly broad-minded joint. (818) 760-2233.
Fri.—**Q**, Latin jazz, 11 p.m.
Sat.—Pop from **Wild Flower**, 11 p.m.
Sun.—Jazz fusionists **Merge Left**, 10 p.m.
Mon., Wed.-Thurs.—Call for info.
Tues.—**Randel Kirsh Band**, 10 p.m.

•**GRASSY KNOLL**, 4019 Sunset Blvd., Silver Lake. Fast becoming the hangout of choice for Eastside 12-step bohos, (although that doesn't mean that those who *imbibe* are barred) this double-decker blond-wood-and-dead-Kennedy-motif'd art gallery cum bookstore cum thrift store cum snack bar also hosts a variety of performance events in its basement on the weekend, open-mike affairs on weekday eves, along with A.A. and N.A. meetings most week nights. (213) 660-3245.
Fri.-Thurs.—Call for info.

•**HIGHLAND GROUNDS**, 742 N. Highland Ave., Hlywd. The teasing scents of freshly roasted coffee waft through this airy coffeehouse complete with balcony, steel coffee bar and an outdoor patio with a constantly raging fire. Plus, there's a full kitchen dishing out a fine menu of good grub. Cover varies. (213) 466-1507.
Fri.—**Fools & Fodder, Laura Lees**.
Sat.—Damned good show with "writeboy" genius crank/crackpot author/legend fella who deserves tons and tons of acclaim: **Richard Meltzer**; plus bluesmeister (and *L.A. Weekly* crit) **Greg Burk**; clever tunes from **Webo & the Harry Knows Quartet**; Walter Zooi's **Jazz Beaux**; and country hicksims from Julia Bell and Mia Ferraro's **Manzanita Sisters**. Recommended.
Every Sun.—Acoustic blues bashers **Chuck E. Weiss, Spyder Mittleman & J.J. Holiday**, 8 p.m.
Mon.—**Outta The Blue, Mind Tribe**.
Tues.—Bluegrass thing with **Caffeine Dream**.
Every Wed.—Open-mike night, hosted by **Randy Kaplan**, sign-up starts at 7 p.m. for 8 & 10 p.m. shows.
Thurs.—Bohemian Women's Political Alliance presents another fine line-up: **Beth Lapides, The Other Woman, Jane Cantillon**, hostess **Patty Malkin** and more; $3.

•**IGUANA CAFE**, 10943 Camarillo St., N. Hlywd. Bohemia, Valley style: tie-dyed T-shirts, dog-eared books, board games and regular-guy coffee and tea (no fancy-pants espresso or cappuccino). The People's Democratic Republic of Iguanaland presents music or poetry most every night of the week. Cover from $3-$5. (818) 763-7735.
Fri.—**Erayna**, 9 p.m.; **Brad Banyon**, 10 p.m.; **Digga Jigga**, mid.
Sat.—**Mark Romano**, 9 p.m.; **The Yuh-uh-uh's**, mid.
Sun.—Open mike, 7 p.m.
Mon.—Readings from **Greg Stant, Allen Sonama, Gary Nueharth, Raphael Carrahal**, 9 p.m.
Tues.—**Scott Edwards**, 9 p.m.; **Fred Davis**, 10 p.m.
Wed.—**Bradley Ditto**, 9 p.m.; **Andrea Louise**, 10 p.m.
Thurs.—**Brian Wendt**, 9 p.m.; **Matthew Lee**, 10 p.m.; **Tina Mitchell & Jonathan Raines**, 11 p.m.

•**MOTOR ON IN**, 3716 Motor Ave., Culver City. Lots of acts, tons of coffee; what more could you want in a coffeehouse? Jazz brunch with **Michael Copeland** on the piano every Sat.-Sun., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Acts start at 8 p.m. (310) 559-6646.
Fri.-Thurs.—Call for info.

•**SACRED GROUNDS**, 399 W. Sixth St., San Pedro. Yes, there are coffeehouses even this far south. Lots of entertainment all week long at this establishment. (310) 514-0800.
Fri.—**Strangefruit**.
Sat.—Flamenco dancers: **Nuevo Mundo**.
Mon.—Poetry & tarot card readings, 8:30 p.m.
Tues.—**Terri Hitt**, 9 p.m.; **Ed Zarate**, 10 p.m.
Wed.—Open mike, 8:30 p.m.
Thurs.—**Arif**, 9 p.m.; **Brigette & Steve**, 10 p.m.

•**SIDEWALK CAFE**, 1401 Ocean Front Walk, Venice. Hamburgers, pizza, omelets are served, plus blender drinks and a separate bar, but the real action takes place in the foreground of this cafe's ocean and mountain view. A blues-singing Sikh on roller skates, a comedian juggling chainsaws, and a skateboarding grandmother are but a part of the passing freak party. Cover varies. (310) 399-5547.
Fri.-Thurs.—Call for info.

•**SYSTEM M**, 213-A Pine Ave., Long Beach, is a cozy coffeehouse/performance space that features jazz as well as folk and experimental sounds. Cover varies, beer and wine, lunch and dinner daily, entertainment Mon.-Sat. (310) 435-2525.
Fri.—**Louis Verdieu & One World**, 9 p.m.
Sat.—**I Own the Sky**, 11 p.m.
Mon.—**Mike Deeble**, 8 p.m.
Tues.—**Dianne Barkauskas**, 8 p.m.
Wed.—**Bill Barrett Duet**, 8 p.m.
Thurs.—**Todd Oliver Quartet**, 8 p.m.

•**THE WHOLE**, 5959 W. Third St. Housed in an ancient firehouse, this hot hole serves up the usual steaming bowls o' jake, plus sandwiches and the like, and features a whole mess of acts and such all week long, until 2:30 a.m. (213) 965-8334.
Every Fri.—**Jason Perri** and other musicians, big jam session, 9:30 p.m.; $3, goes toward food & drink purchase.
Sat.—Call for info.
Every Sun.—Boogie-woogie jam session, 9 p.m.
Every Mon.—Open poetry.
Every Tues.—Freaky behavior encouraged: Mystic Night (with palm readings and coffee ground exams) and jazz-blues music collision, 9 p.m.
Every Wed.—**The Whole Jazz Quartet**, 9 p.m.
Every Thurs.—Comedy, with MC **Lew Sall**, 8:30 p.m.; open mike, 10 p.m.

Other coffeehouse entertainment:

The Pikme-up Café and the King King are having legal troubles, (inexplicably, the landlord wants them out of there) and they're throwing a huge benefit bash, featuring **Beck, Charn, Way Tapestry, Kristian Hoffman, Extra Fancy, Rubyfish, Exene Cervenka** and tons more. 5437 W. Sixth St.; Sun., May 16, 3-10 p.m.; $10. Highly recommended! Plus, guffaw fest (comedy night) every Tues. (213) 896-9348.

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